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Letter dated 21 September 2005 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 17th plenary meeting of its sixtieth session on 20 September 2005, pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/60/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 17th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

Allocation of items to the First Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

G. Disarmament

2. Reduction of military budgets [item 85]:
   (a) Reduction of military budgets;
   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.
3. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security [item 86].
4. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament [item 87].
5. Question of Antarctica [item 88].
6. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace [item 89].
7. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty [item 90].
8. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) [item 91].
9. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification [item 92].
10. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament [item 93].
11. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East [item 94].
12. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons [item 95].
13. Prevention of an arms race in outer space [item 96].
14. General and complete disarmament [item 97]:

    [The General Assembly decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/60/204), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 84, be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 97]

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
    (b) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
    (c) Reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons;

(d) Transparency in armaments;

(e) National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology;

(f) Missiles;

(g) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(h) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(i) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(j) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(k) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(l) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(m) Nuclear disarmament;

(n) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(o) Reducing nuclear danger;

(p) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(q) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(r) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(t) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(u) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(v) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(w) Regional disarmament;

(x) Prevention of the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to and use of man-portable air defence systems;

(y) The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation;

(z) Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms;

(aa) Bilateral strategic nuclear arms reductions and the new strategic framework;

(bb) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(cc) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament;

(dd) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus.

15. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [item 98]:

(a) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(b) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(f) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons.

16. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session [item 99]:

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

17. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East [item 100].

18. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [item 101].

19. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region [item 102].

20. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty [item 103].

21. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [item 104].

22. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security [item 105].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

23. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 116].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 116 also to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.]